

Centennial 2020 Minutes

June 18, 2019
Tatnall Building
Dover, Delaware

Attendants:

Susan Del Pesco and Syl Woolford, Co-Chairs

Susan R. Bramhall – Public Member

Dick Carter -- Director of Special Projects Delaware State Senate Majority
Caucus, Chair, Delaware Heritage Commission

Karen Falk – Appointed by Governor Carney

Connor Graham – Delaware Public Archives,

Jackie Griffith – Delaware State University, Director of Government and
Community Relations

Reba R. Hollingsworth – Heritage Commission appointment

Melanie Ross Levin – Director, Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy

Valerie Longhurst – House Majority Leader

Colinda Marker, Executive Assistant, Delaware General Assembly, Division of
Research

Suzanne Savery – Deputy Director, Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs

Courtney Stewart – Deputy Director, Department of State

Nena Todd – Delaware Department of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Site

Manager: Old State House Museum and Johnson Victrola Museum

Stephanie Toland-Mayo - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated - Delaware
Alumnae Chapters

Jack Young – League of Women Voters

The meeting began with introductions of those in attendance. All but one appointment have now been made. The Governor has not made the NCC appointment. The list is at the bottom of these minutes.

Resources

Our effort has been supported by two commitments from the General Assembly

1) \$50,000 has been put provided to the Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy. The money will be used to hire part time help and provide the money for other things that need to be done, eg. Permit for our public event.

2) \$50,000 is expected to be included in the bond bill for the construction of a memorial.

In connection with the memorial, a list which provided by Anne Boylan, University of Delaware History Professor (retired) which names the Suffrage Leaders from the three organizations active in Delaware, was provided. One proposal for the monument is to include the names of these women.

Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that the committee will meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month except July when the meeting will be July 9, not July 2.

National Centennial Commission

Melanie and Syl attended the June meeting of the Commission. It has decided not to grants to states in support of the Centennial. This is a disappointment.

Monument

The Heritage Committee has a lot of experience in securing monuments for the mall and the Green. The monument committee is:

Dick Carter
Jackie Griffith
Connor Graham

Parade

The resolution that created our subcommittee calls for the organization of a parade. There was discussion about following the model of other celebrations and doing our event in the form of an “reenactment” of the parades which happened in Washington DC prior to the enactment of the 19th Amendment. It was agreed that we would create a subcommittee to start the planning. The target date, subject to review for conflicts, is September 26, 2020.



There were many ideas about the event including school bands from each county and from DSU, having the parade led by a woman on a white horse in the spirit of Inez Milholland, having our elected officials transported in carriages, having a variety of presentations in the various state buildings that surround the mall.

The parade committee is: Jack Young
Nena Todd
Stephanie Toland-Mayo
Reba Hollingsworth
Sue Bramhall
Suzanne Savery

Communications

The committee needs to let the world know that we are working on a celebration. We need to have a website and other methods of communication. A committee was formed: Courtney Stewart

Karen Falk
Melanie RossLevin
Connor Graham
Suzanne Savery

Susan Del Pesco and/or Syl Woolford will participate with all committees. All are invited to participate in any of the committees.

The Hall of Fame this year is in October 17, 2019 at Dover Downs. The Centennial of Women's Suffrage is it's theme.

The meeting was adjourned.

Committee appointments

Speaker of the House:

Stephanie Lampkin
Susan Del Pesco
Valerie Longhurst

President Pro Tem

Rodney A. Smolla – Dean, Delaware Law School
John H. Young
Nicole Poore

Governor

Karen Falk
Jackie Griffith
Open

Delaware Heritage Commission

Dick Carter
Syl Woolford
Reba Hollingsworth.

